THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) The Centrel Road Research Institute in their Report. 'Mobility levels & Transport Problems of Various population Groups'· submitted to the Planning Commission in June, 1989 have recommended that alternative systems of transport should be considered for cities of various sizes including larger metropolises. The recommendations will be kept in view while formulating transportation strategies for the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Planning Authority for Existing Metro Authorities

1213. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Task Force of the Planning Commission has recommended the role of Planning Authority for existing metro authorities; and

(b) if so, the present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Wastage of Fertiliser Due to inadequate Storage and Delayed Loading

1214. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bags of fertilisers wasted yearly due to inadequate godowns facilities and delay in loading and

(b) the approximate loss incurred during the last three years and the steps taken to ensure quick loading and provide godowns to protect the fertiliser bags from being ruined by rains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILISERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) By and large adequate godown facilities for storage of fertilisers are available in the country. About 1% of the fertiliser bags get damaged on account of movement by rail road, handling at warehouses/ railheads or other such unforeseen circumstances like delay in loading etc. Care is taken to keep the losses to the minimum, by insisting on ISI specifications for Laminated Jute bage etc.

Number of wage earning children in the country

1214. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of children per thousand who are wage earners;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard to find out their nature of jobs, working conditions etc; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) According to the projections made for 1986 on the basis of the figures of the National Sample Survey (38th Round) and of the Expert Committee on Population Projections, out of every thousand children in the age group 5—14 years 91 were child workers.

(b) and (c) No survey to determine the nature of jobs, working conditions etc. of all the child workers in the country has been conducted. However, limited surveys of child workers are taken up as and when necessary.

Distribution of surplus land

1216. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area of surplus agricultural land distributed under the ceiling laws of various States during the last three years, Statewise, and yearwise;

(b) how much surplus land is still available for distribution, Statewise; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries, Statewise, of land distribution till December 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) A Statement showing yearwise/statewise distribution of surplus ceiling land during the past three years, area available for distribution as on December, 1988 and number of beneficiaries of this programme till December, 1988 is annexed. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 62]

ESI Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh

1217. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of E.S.I. hospitals now functioning in Andhra Pradesh District-wise;

(b) the number of E. S. I. hospitals proposed to be opened during in 1989-90; and

(c) the amount sanctioned and released by the Central Government for the above hospitals for the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA) : (a) There are at present 8 ESI Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh. These Hospitals are located at Adoni, Sanathnagar, Sri-purkagaznagar, Vijayvada, Vishakhapatnam, Warangal, Pattencharu and Rajahmundry.

(b) No new hospital is likely to be opened during 1989-90. The E.S.I. Corporation has, however, agreed in principle, to construct two new hospitals in the State.

(c) The Central Govt. does not provide any financial assistance towards ESI medical services. However, the ESI Corporation reimburses 7 8th of the expenditure on medical services subject to certain limits besides meeting the capital cost on construction and repairs. The total amount sanctioned and released to the State Govt. during the last three years towards capital cost and maintenance of the ESI hospitals was as given below:—

	Capital cost	Repairs & Maintenance
	(Rs. in lakhs)	(Rs. in lakhs)
1986-87	74.27	8.51
1987-88	54.55	7.53
1988-89	85.00	2.35